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TO : Office of Legislative Counsel ATTN: VIA: CFE		FROM: CFE [REDACTED] 25X1A			
<p>SUBJECT: SFRC Report on the Foreign Assistance Act of 1972</p> <p>We understand that the SFRC Report will be brought to the floor of the Senate for discussion beginning 13 June 1972. We are particularly concerned with subsection 3 (which would transfer military assistance for Laos from MASF to MAP) and subsection 5 (which would require a separate authorization to finance military operations by Thai irregulars in Laos). Passage of subsection 3 would have the effect of imposing a permanent ceiling on assistance to programs managed by CIA; passage of subsection 5 could be the beginning of the end for the Thai irregular program at a time when we are tactically and psychologically more dependent than ever on Thai irregular re-enforcements. We understand that the White House is strongly opposed to passage of both subsections and that the White House will attempt to get both dropped from the final version of the bill that will emerge from a joint conference of both Houses. You will recall that the White House succeeded last fall in getting the predecessor version of subsection 5 dropped from the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971. We also understand that the SASC will resist the SFRC attempt to gain jurisdiction over military assistance to Laos. Please keep us informed of developments in the Senate and attempts by the Administration to get these subsections dropped from the [REDACTED] Foreign Assistance Act.</p>					
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